



**Position:** blueEnergy Technical Volunteer for blueEnergy's Global Leadership Program

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**Primary Location:** Bluefields, Nicaragua

**Reports To:** Director of International Programs

**Description of Organization:**

blueEnergy is an international nonprofit organization that works to break the cycle of poverty to create a world of sustainable living and opportunity for all. The organization does this by creating opportunities for sustainable development in severely marginalized communities and by developing leaders working internationally for a more equitable, sustainable world.

blueEnergy creates impact in Nicaragua, both locally and nationally, as well as internationally. At the local level, blueEnergy delivers renewable energy, clean water, and other key services to marginalized communities on Nicaragua's Caribbean Coast utilizing a holistic approach to community development and capacity building. At the national level, blueEnergy is facilitating and strengthening a network of renewable energy service providers to expand access to sustainable energy across Nicaragua. At the international level, blueEnergy is playing a lead role in the creation of a network of organizations working with locally produced, small wind turbines for rural electrification.

blueEnergy's project headquarters are located in Bluefields, Nicaragua. There, the organization recruits a diverse, multi-cultural team of international volunteers and local and international staff. This unique organizational structure amplifies blueEnergy's impact and provides the volunteers themselves with a transformative experience to help them reach their global leadership potential.

The blueEnergy Group is made up of blueEnergy International, blueEnergy US, blueEnergy France, and blueEnergy Nicaragua. More information is available on our website at [www.blueEnergyGroup.org](http://www.blueEnergyGroup.org) and in our online newsletter, the [blueNews](#).

**Description of Position:**

blueEnergy is looking for talented, committed individuals to join our diverse, dynamic organization, and can offer many opportunities for meaningful personal and professional growth.

Currently blueEnergy is seeking a mature, culturally sensitive, pro-active individual with strong motivation to work in hands-on project application with the Global Leadership Program team in Bluefields, Nicaragua. As blueEnergy Global Leadership General Technician, you will work within the Global Leadership Program under the Global Leadership Coordinator but when needed will also work under Energy and Water and Sanitation Teams.

The Global Leadership Program Technician will help implement and Global Leadership activities as well as general blueEnergy project activities outside the GLP.

The Global Leadership Program is an integral program that promotes global citizenship, hands on learning and the fundamentals of development work in the underdeveloped world in order to create people who are better prepared for careers the in Renewable Energy & and Water and Sanitation fields.

Candidates must have exceptional teamwork and emotional intelligence, and be able to thrive in a dynamic, entrepreneurial environment

### **Core Responsibilities:**

- Lead and coordinate the construction and implementation of appropriate technologies with GLP interns. (E.g. renewable energy, water and sanitation projects, improved latrines, well drilling technologies, efficient cook stoves, water filtration systems, grey water treatment systems, PV solar systems, energy efficiency campaigns, etc.)
- Maintain and develop rural community contacts and relationships in order to ensure that projects and activities are executed in accordance with blueEnergy's values.
- Guide and assist interns in the hands on/workshop portions of their projects.
- Support general blueEnergy non GLP projects when requested by blueEnergy project coordinators.
- Document the work of the Global Leadership Program in blueEnergy with reports and multimedia using blueEnergy formats.
- Help GLP coordinator in leading guided discussions and reflections with GLP interns.
- Work with the Global Leadership Program coordinator to improve the technologies already in use as well as the implementation process.
- Train and support local staff and partners in renewable energy and water and sanitation technologies.
- Work with local staff on administrative tasks such as budget reporting, pricing and purchasing of materials, general computer support (MS Office), writing project profiles and translation of documents.
- Contribute and develop materials for blueEnergy's internal and external communications campaigns.
- Coordinate logistics and lead trips to rural communities with GLP interns.

### **Qualifications:**

- Basic knowledge of renewable energy and water & sanitation issues in the developing world.
- Intermediate Spanish language (written and spoken) required; fluent Spanish preferred.
- Comfort with hand and power tools.
- Experience with electrical, plumbing, welding and woodworking.
- Social and cultural sensitivity.
- Self-motivated, inventive, flexible, resilient and a sense of humor.
- Hardworking with ability to perform manual labor for an extended period of time.
- Experience leading groups.
- Willingness to learn/speak Kriol English to communicate with Kriol speaking beneficiaries.
- Ability to build and manage effective working relationships in multi-cultural environment.
- Pro-active and able to work independently to complete project tasks.
- Attention to detail and ability to follow through on task assignments.
- **12 month commitment**

### **Compensation and Fees:**

**SCV (Volontaire de Service Civique) contract.** For more information on SCV contract conditions, please visit [here](#)

### **Interested in Applying?**

Download a copy of our volunteer application [HERE](#) and submit with your resume and a cover letter to [volunteer@blueenergygroup.org](mailto:volunteer@blueenergygroup.org) **before August 20, 2013**

Applications are currently being reviewed on a rolling basis with flexible start/end dates.